

Committee: Local Plan Working Group

Agenda Item

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Title: Uttlesford Local Development Scheme

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Summary

1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the project plan for the Uttlesford Development Plan. The last revision to the LDS was approved by Cabinet in September 2012. The LDS has been revised to reflect the change in the timetable and the need for an additional stage of consultation on the revised housing numbers and the need for additional sites.

Recommendations

2. That the Revised LDS is noted. It will be posted on the Council's website and forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for information.

Financial Implications

3. Costs of the additional consultation will be met from existing budgets.

Background Papers

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The revised LDS will be posted on the website and made available for inspection.
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	The policy documents which will be prepared are subject to separate equalities impact assessments.
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	The policy documents which will be prepared are subject to separate Sustainability Appraisal

Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	Existing staff resources.

Situation

5. The previous LDS envisaged that the Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) Local Plan would be published for consultation in Jan/Feb 2013. With submission in May 2013, the hearing sessions for the examination in September 2013 and adoption in February 2014. Delays with the Highways Assessment which was essential to the progress of the plan has meant that this programme has not been achieved.
6. During this time the Council has carried out further work on determining its objectively assessed housing need. This has shown that the housing numbers in the draft plan are unlikely to be found sound and a higher figure was considered by this working group on 17th October 2013 and a recommendation is going forward to Cabinet that this higher figure is accepted. This means that additional housing sites are needed and to make sure there is a consistent approach these additional sites will be subject to further consultation. The timetable has therefore been amended to include an additional consultation stage.
7. The previous LDS included provision for the production of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). In February 2013 the LDF Working Group considered a report on the CIL and resolved to recommend to Cabinet through the production of the new development scheme that no further work on CIL is carried out so the CIL has been removed from this LDS.
8. The revised LDS is attached.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The plan maybe found unsound because the plan has not been prepared in accordance with the LDS	1. The LDS will be monitored and updated as necessary.	3.If the plan is found unsound this will cause delay and uncertainty	Amend the LDS to make sure the programme for delivering the Local Plan is up to date and deliverable.

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.